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REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated May 12, 2010, the Examiner states that Claims 1-8, 11, 14 and 22-34 are pending, Claims 5-8 and 28-34 are withdrawn, and Claims 1-4, 11, 14 and 22-27 are rejected. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-4, 11, 14 and 23-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 5-186610 (JP'610) and JP 2001-320073 (JP'073). Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over JP'610 in view of JP '073 and US 6,362,278 (Pfaendner). Applicant respectfully disagrees with and traverses these rejections.

The Office Action asserts that JP'610 teaches the resin composition according to the present invention. As the Office Action points out, JP'610 teaches an adhesive sheet comprising an ethylene and an ethylenic unsaturated silane compound. However, a characteristic of the adhesive sheet according to JP'610 is recognized to be a three-component system comprising an unsaturated carboxylic ester as an essential component, in addition to the ethylene and the ethylenic unsaturated silane compound (Abstract, Claim 1, Paragraph [0011], etc. of JP'610).

In contrast, an aspect of the present invention is different from the invention disclosed in JP'610 in that the resin composition according to the present invention is a two-component system of an α -olefin and an ethylenic unsaturated silane compound. The independent claim has also been amended to specify that the essential component in JP'610 is excluded from the presently claimed invention.

In JP'610, it is recognized that features such as transparency, adhesiveness, cross-linking performance, and stability during formation of the sheet are achieved by using the specific material of three-component system of the ethylene, the ethylenic unsaturated silane compound and the unsaturated carboxylic ester (Paragraph [0006], etc. of JP'610). Therefore, the features of the invention disclosed in JP'610 cannot be achieved by using two-component system excluding the unsaturated carboxylic ester from the three-component system disclosed in JP'610. As such, Applicant respectfully asserts that one of ordinary skill in the art would not find any motivation or have any expectation of success in modifying the three-component system of JP'610 into a two-component system. Such a modification

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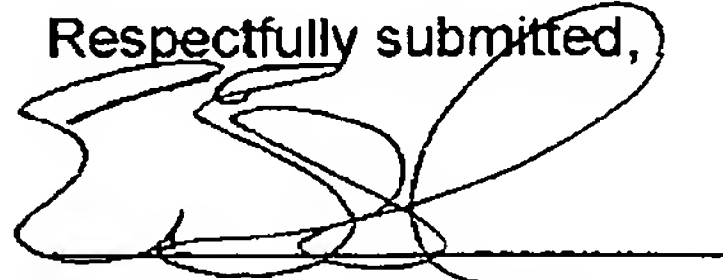
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would clearly destroy the intended function of JP'610. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that the present invention cannot be considered obvious over the cited prior art and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

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Respectfully submitted,



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